



S.B. 312

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the headlights of a vehicle to be lighted when the windshield wipers of that vehicle are in use.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Current law generally requires every vehicle operated on a street or highway within Ohio to display lighted lights and illuminating devices as required by law during the time from sunset to sunrise and at any other time when, because of insufficient natural light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons, vehicles, and substantial objects on the highway are not discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead.

The bill expands these requirements to include the use of lighted lights and illuminating devices when the windshield wipers of the vehicle are in use because of precipitation on the windshield. (R.C. 4513.03.)

The penalties for violating the requirement concerning lighted lights while windshield wipers are in use are the same as the penalties in existing law concerning the display of lighted lights under other conditions. A first offense is a minor misdemeanor, a second offense within one year of the first offense is a fourth degree misdemeanor, and each subsequent offense within one year of the first offense is a third degree misdemeanor. (R.C. 4513.99(C), not in the bill.)

HISTORY

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